

JAPANESE ISSUES IN CALIFORNIA ARE NEXT ON SCHEDULE

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Washington, Feb. 21.—The next big question between the United States and Japan to come to the forefront is the Japanese problem in California, it was learned today.

After Secretary of State Hughes returns from his vacation negotiations are expected to be opened between the two governments on this question and its collateral problem of Japanese immigration.

Baron Shidehara, Japanese ambassador, is understood to be prepared to bring it up for attention.

Japanese diplomatic circles here do not regard this problem as very big internationally, but it is conceded as being extremely delicate because it is one particularly adapted to popular agitation. Because of this, it is thought by some that Hughes may want to delay further consideration till after the forthcoming elections.

Hughes has never taken up the California and the immigration questions with Japan, from the situation in which it was left by the Wilson administration.

In 1920 when California was about to adopt the last and most drastic of its anti-Japanese legislation barring Japanese from holding land, Shidehara protested to the state department.

Negotiations followed between Shidehara and Roland Morris, then American ambassador to Tokio. These negotiations were brought to a successful conclusion, which provided for a settlement whereby:

Japanese in the United States were to have the same property and other rights as other inhabitants of the United States, and the "gentleman's agreement" to restrict Japanese immigration into this country was to have been tightened so that Japanese immigration would be absolutely barred.

Bainbridge Colby, then secretary of state, however, never took any action on the Morris-Shidehara report.

Marriage Intervenes; Accused Bride Freed

A federal grand jury indictment against Florence Hervey of Oregon City charging misuse of the mails was dismissed on Monday by Federal Judge Bean on motion of United States Attorney Humphreys. Humphreys informed the court that the case could not be tried because the woman had since married the man who received the alleged unlawful matter and the testimony of the husband could not be legally presented.

FATHERS AND SONS HOLD MEET

Gervais, Feb. 21.—A father and son banquet was held Monday evening at the Depot hotel. Sam H. Brown was toastmaster. Fred Lockley of Portland and Rev. R. W. Aicher of Woodburn were present.

STREET SPEAKER FINED

Nampa, Idaho, Feb. 21.—L. J. Caldwell, inventor and preacher, charged with speaking on the streets without a permit, pleaded guilty. His fine of \$100 was suspended on promise to refrain from future street speaking.

Ministerial Dance Committee Finishes; Scope Is Broadened

The Methodist ministers' dance committee and the tabernacle site committee were dismissed Monday at the regular meeting of the Methodist Ministerial association. The dance committee asked to be discharged as its work had been combined with the general dance committee, and the controversy had become larger than a sectarian question.

"We wanted to be discharged," said Dr. Charles MacCaughy, "because we did not want the general committee to be hampered by any committee representing merely one denomination. Our work has been merged with the general committee, which is not sectarian."

The tabernacle site committee was discharged because it has secured a site for the erection of a tabernacle for the revival meetings to be held by the Rev. George Wood Anderson, beginning March 23.

Dr. Henry W. Luce and the Rev. William Hung of Peking university, China, addressed the preachers. They explained a \$600,000 building project which the school has undertaken.

O. A. C. Experiment Station Is Sought By Douglas County

Roseburg, Feb. 21.—The executive board of the Douglas County Farm Bureau is of the opinion that the Oregon Agricultural college should conduct an experiment station in the Umpqua valley, and is working with this end in view. The importance of the prune industry here justifies the experiment station, in the opinion of the farm bureau, if for no other purpose than to discover the best type of prune drier for use in this section.

Many prunes are lost in Douglas county annually through improper drying. The importance of the broccolo crop and the fact that it is a comparatively new crop with not much authentic information for the growers, is another reason given by the bureau for seeking the station.

A committee composed of J. H. Booth, C. O. Garrett, H. Bailey, A. C. Marsters, C. A. Brand, W. C. Harding and Arthur Marsh, will work in behalf of the project.

Sawdust Flies When Truck and Car Hit

C. Simost, 871 Warren street, suffered lacerations about the hands and face and lost a whole truck load of sawdust at East Eleventh and Multnomah streets Monday afternoon when an auto truck which he was driving collided with an Irvington street car. The street car was knocked from the track but none of the occupants was injured. The truck overturned, scattering sawdust all over the intersection.

FALSE BOTTOM HIDES BOOZE

Baker, Feb. 21.—Frank Weir was fined \$200 and given 100 days in jail on an illegal possession of liquor charge. Moonshine was found at his home in a box of groceries having a false bottom.

MRS. J. J. PURCELL

Houlihan, Wash., Feb. 21.—Mrs. Mary Purcell, wife of J. J. Purcell, died Sunday following an illness of six weeks. She was an active member of the Royal Neighbors.

DE VALERA PARTY WINS OPEN BALLOT

Dublin, Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—The De Valera party in Ard Fheis won its first victory in the Sinn Fein general assembly today when that body voted in favor of the open ballot, which had been advocated by the former president.

On the face of it, the figures on this decision indicated a majority for the anti-treaty party of several hundred. It is possible, however, that many unpledged delegates voted for open balloting as a matter of principle, so that this move is not entirely conclusive, though it is marked as a technical victory.

Today's fight is a struggle by the recent pro-treaty and anti-treaty parties to obtain control of the Sinn Fein political machine, which has functioned during three years and obtained from Great Britain recognition of an Irish Free State. The men assembled in Mansion house today, a total of 2500, are in reality the local party bosses of all Ireland.

Ard Fheis is the political machine of the Sinn Fein.

Michael Collins, in a statement to the International News Service this afternoon, conceded victory to Eamonn de Valera upon his motion in the Ard Fheis, stating that the Sinn Fein would not accept the Anglo-Irish treaty.

'Flu' Takes Fourth Victim in One Family

McMinnville, Feb. 21.—H. T. Allison is not in jail, despite printed accounts to the contrary. Friends of Allison are twitting him because, while he was foreman of the grand jury, a story was written in which his name was confused with that of Lewis Amoth, sentenced to 90 days and fined \$500. Allison is a well known Yamhill county citizen.

Grand Jury Foreman Not Man in Prison

Marshfield, Feb. 21.—Lawrence G. Russell, 30, died suddenly Monday of "flu" after being ill only since Friday.

Coast Stockmen Put on Annual Show at Davis

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Annual stockmen's week opened Monday at the University farm at Davis, with livestock men present from California, Oregon and Nevada.

The riding horse contest which started early today and continued all day was a feature of today's program. These tests will continue until Friday. The United States army is greatly interested in this part of the program.

Tomorrow the annual sale of the Pacific Coast Hereford Cattle Breeders' association will attract interest.

Shift in Weather Draws Beach Crowd

Seaside, Feb. 21.—After two weeks of unsettled weather conditions nature is again at her best at Clatsop county resorts with clear skies and higher temperature than for the last month. Crowds spent Sunday here while the city is preparing to entertain hundreds of visitors over Washington's Birthday. Steelheads were striking in the upper Necanicum Sunday and weather was ideal for biking parties.

Narcotic Violations Charged to Three

Warrants charging violation of the Harrison narcotic laws were issued on Monday by United States Commissioner Frazer for James Hadden, William Hunter and Joe Paul. Hadden and Hunter are charged with mixing mor-

Boy Burglars Have Cabin in Woods for Loot; Admit Crimes

Hood River, Feb. 21.—Albert Knoll and Oliver Byers, 12 and 13 years old, were arrested Monday and confessed that they were involved in four burglaries of local stores. They had built a cabin in the woods above the river and there had cached many stolen articles, from chewing gum to a Colts automatic pistol. They confessed that they had planned to enter houses Monday night to obtain money and leave for California before daybreak.

Both boys are of good families, but are considered to be incorrigible. It is said that Byers admits he fired a rifle at the auto of C. W. McCullagh, former manager of the Apple Growers association, about a year ago, when McCullagh had a narrow escape from injury, two bullets hitting his car.

phine and sugar of milk, and with selling this adulterated product to addicts for pure morphine. Paul, a North end res-

taurant man, is charged with selling one ounce of cocaine. All are held in the county jail in default of \$1500 bond each.

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